

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph as marked:

[0130] The navigation system of the present invention allows information providers to overlay a navigation system over any collection of documents. The knowledge base and navigation aspects of the invention can be performed independently by different providers, and information providers may outsource these functions to separate entities. Similarly, a generated knowledge base may be imported by a navigation specialist. Information providers may also outsource this navigation requirement to a navigation system provider. A navigation system provider could charge customers a license fee for the system independent of the amount of its usage. Alternatively, a navigation system provider could charge customers on a per-click basis, a per-purchase basis if products are available via the system, or per-transaction generated from a click through the navigation system. A navigation system provider could also function as an aggregator--compiling records from a number of sources, combining them into a global data set, and generating a navigation system to search the data set. The navigation system can be implemented as software provided on a computer-readable storage medium such as a disk, on a CD, in memory, etc., or provided electronically (such as over the Internet).